A BRAGG LINE

The purpose of this report is to collect, organize and share my present knowledge about one <u>line of descent</u> in the family of my son-in-law. For this reason, collateral lines are not emphasized. I'm sharing this information in the hope of encouraging further research, yielding additions, corrections and more accurate genealogy. Please help me improve this.

At this time I am seeking ancestral connections for George W. Bragg (1828-1898) of Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

The Bragg family has been in the Spartanburg District of South Carolina since it was formed in 1785. Peter N. Bragg¹, who died in Lowndes County, Alabama, on 21 May 1841, was born in Fauquier County, VA., on 4 March 1763, and served in the Revolutionary War, moved to Spartanburg at the close of the war and lived there 46 years until he moved away in 1829². Peter Bragg was a witness to two Spartanburg deeds to John Bragg on 20 July 1786. In a 1793 deed, Daniel Bragg bought 200 acres on Ferguson's Creek. A 1796 deed mentions a grant from Gov. Moultrie to Daniel Bragg. On 11 March 1805, Daniel Bragg sold land on Ferguson's Creek and Elizabeth Bragg renounced dower. In 1812, a Daniel Bragg was of Laurens District. On 20 June 1816, "Elizabeth Bragg, Rhodo[sic] Bragg, Abigail W. Bragg, William Clayton, Catharine G. Bragg, and George B. Bragg", widow and heirs of Daniel Bragg, late of South Carolina, sold 149 acres to Simeon Lavender. These and other Bragg deeds are abstracted in Pruitt.³

A composite of internet sites has allowed me to construct (but not document) the following: Reverend Daniel Bragg Clayton (1817 - 1906) was the son of Mary Newport Bragg (- 1826) and William Clayton (ca. 1790 - 1856). Mary Newport Bragg was a daughter of Daniel Newport Bragg and Elizabeth **Brewton**. Daniel Newport Bragg and Peter Newport Bragg, Sr., were sons of John Bragg (1733 - 1812) and Mary Newport. Reverend Daniel Bragg Clayton had a grandmother Mary Farrow Clayton who had a niece Rosannah Farrow Bragg. Rosannah Farrow was the wife of Zebulon Bragg and she died without children. Another report shows Thomas Miles Bragg, born 1793 in Spartanburg District and went to Alabama, who was a son of Daniel Bragg and Sally Elizabeth **Miles**. Jan Francis includes Mary Farrow who became the wife of **James** Clayton and had seven children who were beneficiaries in their uncle Samuel Farrow's will. She also shows (in Landon Miles' records) an Elizabeth Bragg who died 1 Nov 1798 who may also be the Elizabeth Miles who was born in 1778 and married **Thomas** Bragg. Thus, there are hints of a Daniel Bragg with wife Elizabeth Brewton and a Daniel

¹The ancestry of Peter Newport Bragg is given in "Descendants of Thomas Bragg", an excellent PDF file found on Rootsweb at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilmoult2/Families/Bragg_Thomas_descendants.pdf on 17 Sept 2011 (created there on 19 Jan 2009). According to this website, Peter Newport Bragg married Abigail Brewton. This Virginia family shares several names in common with the early Spartanburg Bragg family such as Thomas, Charles, Daniel, Peter, and, especially distinctive, Moore.

²Brent H. Holcomb, Marriage and Death Notices from the Up-Country of South Carolina as taken from Greenville newspapers, 1826 - 1863 (Columbia, South Carolina: SCM AR, 1983), p. 92. Taken from the Greenville Mountaineer of 16 July 1841.

³Albert Bruce Pruitt, *Spartanburg County/District South Carolina, Deed Abstracts, Books A - T, 1785 - 1827 (1752 - 1827)* (Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, 1988).

⁴Janet Landrum Francis, *The Miles Family in America* (Spartanburg, South Carolina: self published, 2012).

Bragg with wife Elizabeth Miles.

Charles Bragg and Moore Bragg were witnesses to the 1793 will of Enoch Floyd. In his will of 1815, George Brewton mentions purchase at the estate sale of Daniel Bragg, dec'd, and mentions his own eldest daughter Elizabeth Bragg and third daughter Abigail Bragg who got the tract "whereon Peter Bragg now lives". Elizabeth Bragg's legacy was for life then to be divided among her children except Polley Clayton. John Bragg was a witness to this will. In 1816, Thomas M. Bragg was executor of Spencer Bobo. The 1816 will of David Brewton Senr. mentions his son George Brewton and 50 acres for which the title was made by Daniel Bragg. In his 1824 will, George Devine mentions wife Mary and children John, Nancy, Rhoda, Elizabeth and Frances, and and Chaney Bragg. The 1824 will of Samuel Farrow mentions niece Rosannah grandchildren Mancils Bragg and also land where Zebulon Bragg did live. These Spartanburg County wills are abstracted in Holcomb.⁵ In 1825 the court ordered the sale of the land of Charles Divine for division among his six (?) legatees – Mary Divine, Meadows Harrelson, John Bragg, Moore Bragg and Daniel Bragg. 6 In Spartanburg County Will Book D, the will of John Takewell, made 25 July 1828 and probated 27 Jan. 1845, mentions daughter Polly Bragg and son-in-law Daniel Bragg.

The Bible record of W. P. Bragg⁷ appears to support the following relationships:

Moore Bragg (6 May 1793 -) m. Rhoda Divine (20 Feb. 1795 -) on 31 March 1814 and had Mary Bragg, b. 23 Feb. 1815

Eliza Bragg, b. 22 Oct. 1816

W. P. Bragg (24 June 1837 - 16 Dec. 1908) married (on 29 March 1860) Mavel C. (or E.?) Drummond (5 Sept. 1830 -), widow of George W. Robuck (he died 23 Nov. 1854). They had Alma A. E. Bragg (30 March 1861 - 26 Sept 1874)

Jesse H. F. Bragg (16 Sept. 1865 - 6 March 1885). He was their only living child when he died. Zebulon "Zebulum" Bragg was a son of Elizabeth and Daniel Bragg and he married Rosanna Farrow, granddaughter of the Rev. War heroine Rosanna. (Apparently this "Recent entry" added to the record is a reference to Rosanna Waters Farrow.)

W. P. Bragg (24 June 1837 - 16 Dec. 1908), a confederate veteran, is buried in Bethel Cemetery⁸ at Woodruff, SC, as are:

Jesse H. Bragg (16 Sept. 1863 - 6 March 1885)

Mable (5 Sept 1860 - 19 Aug 1923), wife of Pinckney Bragg

George W. Robuck, d. 23 Nov. 1854, with two children

Catherine Cowan, 15 Dec. 1806 - 12 Feb. 1881,

wife of Curtis Bragg, married 13 May 1837, and mother of Jonas B. Bragg

⁵Brent H. Holcomb, Spartanburg County South Carolina Will Abstracts 1787 - 1840 (Columbia, South Carolina: Brent H. Holcomb, 1983).

⁶unknown author, "Spartanburg District Real Estate Court Records," Pinckney District Chapter Quarterly Vol. 28 No. 2 (June 2004): p. 70.

⁷Dorothy Harris Phifer, South Carolina Bible Records (Spartanburg, South Carolina: Pinckney District Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society, 1994), pp. 29-30.

⁸Pinckney District Chapter of S. C. Genealogical Society, Spartanburg County, S. C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. 2 (Spartanburg, South Carolina: Pinckney District Chapter SCGS, 1993).

Jonas Brewton Bragg, 23 March 1844 - 12 Sept 1923, confederate soldier Moore Bragg, d. 7 March 1807, aged 37 y. 9 m. 3d. Macy Bragg, d. 15 June 1817, age 76 Mary Bragg, d. 22 June 1807, age 37

The 1790 census of South Carolina lists only the following Brag(g)s⁹:

Thomas Bragg of Camden district, Chester County

Charles Brag of Ninety-Six District, Spartanburg County

John Brag of Ninety-Six District, Spartanburg County

Daniel Brag of Ninety-Six District, Spartanburg County

Here is a list of male Braggs from Pruitt's Deeds (1785-1827)¹⁰ with a rough range of dates in which each appears

Charles, 1798 - 1826

Charles M., 1827

Daniel, 1793 - 1816 (deceased)

Eber, 1826

George B or W, 1816

James, 1824-1826

John, 1786 - 1826

John, jr., 1827

John B., 1827

L. D., 1819

Moore, 1793 - 1804

Peter, 1786 - 1827

Peter N., 1823-1826

Samuel B., 1825

Thomas, 1818 - 1827

Thomas M., 1816 - 1823

Zebulon, 1790 - 1809

Zebulon D., 1809

In the 1830 census of Spartanburg County¹¹, at a time when George W. Bragg was about 6 years old, I find these families in which he might be included (especially as indicated in bold face):

Daniel Bragg, age 20-30, had 2 males age 5-10

David Bray [probably not Brag), age 30-40, had 1 male age 5-10

Sarah Bragg, age 50-60, had 1 male age 5-10

Peter Bragg, age 30-40, had 0 males age 5-10

⁹1790 United States Census of South Carolina, online www.ancestry.com.

¹⁰Pruitt, Spartanburg Deed Abstracts, Books A-T.

¹¹1830 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

Thomas Bragg, age 30-40, had 0 males age 5-10

Moore Bragg, age 30-40, had 1 male age 5-10

Charles Bragg, Sr., age 60-70, had 1 male age 5-10

Zebulon D. Bragg had 0 males age 5-10 [not indexed in Ancestry.com index, but see p. 305 next to Landon Waters]

James Bragg, age 30-40, had 0 males age 5-10

All of the Braggs indexed for the 1840 census of South Carolina are in Spartanburg County. I reviewed the microfilm record for each of them. These are not the complete abstracts of each census listing of each family. Curtis, p. 82, 1 m < 5, 1 m 15-10, 1 m 15-20, 1 m .40-50

Curtis Bragg's estate, 1848, mentions widow Catherine and two small children, Wm. J. M. Bragg, age 7, and Jonas B. Bragg, age 4. William was dead by 10 March 1851 and Catherine and Jonas each got half of his estate, \$5.46.¹³ Catherine was age 51 in the 1860 census. In the 1880 census, she was age 73, mother of Jonas Bragg, and said her parents were born in Ireland.

Danl, p. 112, **1m 10-15**, 1m. 15-20, 1m 40-50

He was age 50 in the 1850 census, age 55 in 1860. Spartanburg County Deed Book T, p. 335-336 (in 1816), shows Daniel Bragg left widow Elizabeth, and heirs Rhoda M. Bragg, Abigail W. Bragg, William Clayton, Catharine G. Bragg, and George B. Bragg. This was, of course, an earlier Daniel Bragg; also this is not "our" George W. Bragg.

David, p. 116, **1m 15-20**, 1 m 40-50

James, p. 85, 2 m < 5, 1 m 5-10, 1 m 40-50.

A James and Nancy Bragg are mentioned in the records of Unity Baptist Church, about 1832 - 1841.

In 1841 he was excluded and she was dismissed by letter.

John, p. 82, 1 m<5, 1m 5-10, 1m 10-15, **1 m 15-20**, 1m 40-50

J. Bragg who was age 56 in the 1850 census might be either of the two men above.

Moore, p. 84, 3 m<5, 2 m 15-20, 1 m. 40-50,

Moore Bragg was age 67 and Rody Bragg was age 65 in the 1860 census. ¹⁴ They also both appear in Woodruff Township in the 1870 census. ¹⁵ Rhoda Bragg was a widow at age 85 in 1880 census. ¹⁶ An earlier Moore Bragg had died in 1807. According to the 1880 mortality schedule of Spartanburg County, Moore Bragg was 85 when he died of Dropsy in August [of 1879] in Woodruff. He was born in S. C. as were his parents. Dr. W. W. Drummond was the attending

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¹²1840 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹³Spartanburg County Probate Judge Estate Papers: file 2754, Curtis Bragg, Spartanburg County Library, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

¹⁴1860 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁵1870 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁶1880 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

physician.¹⁷

Peter, p. 84, 1 m. 20-30, 1 m. 40-50

Peter and his wife Sarah Bragg were dismissed from Unity Baptist Church in April 1820, joined Unity Baptist Church by letter in 1823, were dismissed in Sept. 1826. Although I did not find Peter anywhere in the population schedules for South Carolina in 1850, he is listed on the slave schedule for Spartanburg County. A Peter Bragg joined the Philadelphia Baptist Church by letter in July, 1850, and was excommunicated in December 1859. A Sarah Bragg listed with him died in June 1859. Peter Bragg & wife Sarah [? -- not dead?] were age 63 in the 1860 census. Peter Bragg's will made, 24 Apr. 1869 and probated 6 Sept. 1869 names wife Lavina, son Cager, dau. Melissa, and "my youngest children". His estate papers say he died on or about 20 Aug. 1869 and name his heirs as: (1) the children of Wiley Bragg (Sarah Ann Wyatt, Thomas Bragg, Robert Bragg, and Mary Bragg); (2) Polly Meadows; (3) the children of Patsy Pruitt (John Pruitt, William Pruitt, Almarine Pruitt, Louella Pruitt); (4) Elizabeth Bragg; (5) Micajah Bragg; (6) Melissa Bragg and (7) "your petitioner" Lavina Bragg. Peter Bragg died near Walnut Grove on 19 Aug. [1869], aged 78 y, 5m., a member of Philadelphia Church for 57 years. In 1880, widow Luvinia Bragg, age 50, was living in Fairforest with two children, McCaga and Melissa. In 1870, the census shows Leona Bragg, age 40, with these two children.

Sarah, p. 82, age 40 - 50, 1 m. 20-30 Zebulon, p. 91, **1m 15-20**, 1 m. 40-50

Deed Book R, pp. 106-107 (in 1818), proves that Zebulon Bragg married Rosannah. This is a deed from Thomas M. Bragg and Zebulon D. Bragg to Toliver Scott in which Rosannah Bragg, wife of Zebulon, renounced dower on 12 Aug 1818. Deed book R, pp. 150-151 (in 1807), shows them to be heirs of Zebulon Bragg, who had bought land in 1794 from Thomas Miles. In an 1809 deed (Deed Book R, pp. 151-152), Thomas Miles sold land to his son Landon Miles and Zebulon Bragg was a neighbor. Clearly the older Zebulon was not alive for the 1840 census. The 1850 census shows that it was Zebulon D. Bragg who m. Rosannah.

Charles Bragg's estate was administered in Spartanburg County, 1840-1756, and James Bragg was administrator ²⁷

¹⁷1880 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC, Mortality Schedule. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁸1850 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. slave schedule. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁹Church Minutes, microfilm, Philadelphia Baptist Church Book, 1803 - 1957, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, Furman University Library, Furman, Greenville County, South Carolina.

²⁰1860 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online.

²¹Spartanburg County Administrations, 1840-1856, C 726: Will Book E, p. 397, Spartanburg County Library, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

²²Spartanburg Estate Papers: file 2115, Peter Bragg.

²³Spartanburg County Library Staff, "Death Notices Abstracted From Carolina Spartan and Spartanburg Herald," *Pinckney District Chapter Quarterly* Vol. 14, No. 4 (Dec. 1990): From the Carolina Spartan dated 09/02/1869, p. 3-C.

²⁴1880 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online.

²⁵1870 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online.

²⁶Pruitt, Spartanburg Deed Abstracts, Books A-T, pp. 625, 630-31.

²⁷Spartanburg County Administrations, 1840-1856, C 726: p. 4, date not noted.

A review of FindAGrave listings (12 Dec 2011) yields the following Braggs buried in South Carolina and living before 1840.

Amanda M. Bragg, 1830 - 1906, buried Zion Hill Baptist Church

Catharine Gowan Bragg, 1806 - 1881, buried at Old Bethel Baptist Church, Woodruff

Pvt. Daniel Bragg, d. 1863, buried Magnolia Cem., Charleston, CSA Co. D 54 GA Regt.

G. W. Bragg, 1824 - 1898, buried at Abner Creek Baptist Church

Macy Bragg, d. 15 June 1817, age 76, buried Old Bethel Baptist Cemetery

Mary Bragg, d. 22 June 1807, age 37, buried Old Bethel Baptist Church, Woodruff

Miles F. Bragg, 1839 - 1929, buried at Old Bethel Baptist Cemetery, Woodruff.

His obituary says was he was son of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Bragg.²⁸ His death certificate shows his father as Moore Bragg and his mother as "?", both born in South Carolina.²⁹

Moore Bragg, d. 7 Mar 1807, aged 37 y 9 m 3 d, buried Old Bethel Baptist Cemetery

Pvt. W. P. Bragg, 1837 - 1903, buried at Old Bethel Baptist Cemetery, Woodruff⁶⁰

An 1844 tax list of Spartanburg County, South Carolina,³¹ includes the following Braggs (and the tax amount for each): Curtis Bragg (.06); Z. D. Bragg (7.89); Peter Bragg (.63); James Bragg (3.98); Danl Bragg (.12)

In 1850, when newly married George W. Bragg was living in Greenville County, the Bragg familes in Spartanburg County were headed by:³²

C. Bragg, age 45 (with son B., age 7; surely Catherine, widow of Curtis)

Danl. Bragg, age 50, no wife, but Willis, 9, and Posey, 21

J. Bragg, age 56, with female M. Bragg, 38, and children

Joseph Bragg, age 54, and Sarah Bragg, age 53.

K. Bragg, female, age 45, Catherine Bragg, 40

Mo[o]re Bragg, age 57, and Rachael Bragg, age 55

Sally Bragg, age 70

Z. D. Bragg, age 54, and Rosanna Bragg, age 50

A Sally Bragg, born in S. C., married, age 61, died in June [1859 or 1860] (thus matching Sarah who was wife of Peter) of palsy which she had had for 150 days.³³

Remember that the goal of all this is to identify and connect the antecedents of George W. Bragg (1824 - 1898). He first appears by name in the 1850 census of Chicks Springs Township in Greenville County, South Carolina, having just married Mary Ann Childress. It is reasonable to search for their antecedents nearby but in

²⁸[Miles F. Bragg, obit], *Greenville News*, Greenville, South Carolina, 6 May 1929, page 6.

²⁹Miles F. Bragg, Death Certificate SC 1929-9144 (4 May1929), www.ancestry.com, Provo, Utah.

³⁰Find A Grave Cemetery Records, online www.findagrave.com.

³¹Mike Becknell, "1844 Tax Returns for Spartanburgh District," *Pinckney District Chapter Quarterly* Vol. 15, No. 1 (March 1991): p. 16,17.

³²¹⁸⁵⁰ federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at

³³US Federal Census Mortality Schedule for the year ending 1 June 1860, Southern Division, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, online www.ancestry.com, p. 3, line 4 (not in the index).

1850 there were no other Braggs in Greenville County. However, Chicks Springs (at Greer) borders both Reidville and Beech Springs Townships in Spartanburg County. As we move backward in time from the 1850 census, the first event we expect to encounter is the marriage of George and Mary. Since they were illiterate, they would not be expected to have made any record of this event. Furthermore, the state of South Carolina did not yet record marriages. A church record might exist, although they seem to have been associated with the Baptist Church which is not known for extensive marriage records. Some ministers kept their own records and such a record may yet surface [perhaps especially by Rev. Warren Drummond]. Another (relatively good) source would be the newspapers. Many of those have been abstracted and provide no record. Perhaps a private record exists from one of George's children or siblings, but apparently descendant Ibera Oliver never found it or she would have shared it. Land records are often a good resource for family connections but the census records for 1850 - 1880 never indicate George owned real estate and no record has been found. Likewise, no Spartanburg County estate record is known to have mentioned him.

George would not have appeared by name in the 1830 and 1840 census records so the only attributes by which he can be located are age and gender. Assuming he may have been enumerated in a Bragg household in the region, I have produced the above listings from the 1830 and 1840 census records of Spartanburg County. This (perhaps futile) exercise suggests the names of Curtis, Daniel, David, Sarah, Moore, and Zebulon D. If he was not in a Bragg household, perhaps his father had died and a helpful estate record can be found. Not yet!

Descendants of George W. Bragg (by Dan W. Olds, 6 Jul 2014)

Generation One

1. George W.¹ **Bragg** was born on 16 Feb 1824.³⁴ He married (1) Mary Ann **Childress**, daughter of Isham **Childress** and Hannah **Hughes**, circa 1849.³⁵ He married (2) Mary Ann "Polly" **Fortenberry.**³⁶ He died on 19 Feb 1898 near Duncan, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 74^{37,38} and was buried in Abner Creek Baptist Church, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.³⁹

³⁴Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. This is a well-kept cemetery at the Abner Creek Baptist Church, 2461 Abner Creek Road, Greer, SC, just offroute 101, south-east of its intersection with I-85. G. W. Bragg, born 16 Feb 1824.

³⁵1850 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. The 1850 census shows that they were married within the year.

³⁶Letter from Ibera Oliver (Duncan, South Carolina) to Dan W. Olds, [1990]; personal files of Dan W. Olds (Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina). These sheets of family data were printed by computer on 1 Jan 1980, 4 April 1990 and 27 April 1990. However, the 1/1/1980 printed date is an error. The accompanying letter said she had not had her computer long and there was more to enter. She also mentioned that her computer would not print out place of burial but that she had recorded that for a good many of the people. However, so me of the family group sheets do show place of burial.

³⁷Tomb stone, Abn er Creek B aptist Church Cemetery. G. W. Bragg died "Feb. 19, 1898."

³⁸Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], providing place of death.

³⁹Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. G. W. Bragg, 16 Feb 1824 - Feb. 19, 1898 [and] Polly Ann, wife of G. W. Bragg, 20 July 1842 -- 15 Mar 1915. (Lat 34 52.698, Long 82 08.912) (31 Aug 2002).

George appeared on the census enumeration of 9 Dec 1850 in Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows: George Brag[g], 25, male laborer, b. SC, can not read or write, married within the year, no real estate Mary , 23, b. SC.⁴⁰

George appeared on the census enumeration of 19 Sep 1860 in P. O. Sparta, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

George Bragg, 31, laborer, b. SC, can not read & write, no real property

Mary , 30, b. SC, can not read& write

Warren , 9, b. SC.⁴¹

A G. W. Bragg served as a private in Company D of the 7th Regiment SC Reserves (90 days) and also in Company E of the 5th Regiment of South Carolina State Troops. ⁴² In Company D he had enlisted 20 Nov 1862 at Columbia, South Carolina, for 90 days as a Private under Capt. Gresham (citing NARA 267 roll 0223) and was on the roster from 20 Nov 1862 - 31 Dec 1862. In Company E he had enlisted on 1 Aug 186_ in Spartanburg with Capt. O. H. Moss and was on the company roster from 11 Sep 1863 to 6 Feb 1864. (Citing NARA M267, roll 0199). ⁴³

George appeared on the census enumeration of 22 Sep 1870 in Chicks Springs Township, Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows:

Bragg, George W., 50, farmer, can not write, no property

- , Mary A., 43, keeping house, can not write
- , Warren D., 16, b. SC, can not read or write
- , Elizabeth A., 9, b. SC
- , Elmina J., 6, b. SC
- , James C., 3, b. SC.44

George appeared on the census enumeration of 23 Jun 1880 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows: George Bragg, a widower, farmer, age 50, with two daughters, Lizzie, age 20, and Jane, age 16.⁴⁵

In 1898, G. W. Bragg of Duncan's Post Office, Beech Township, Spartanburg County was listed as having a class C2 South Carolina pension for his service in the Civil War. In 1902, at age 63, and in 1915, Polly Ann Bragg of Greer, had a pension for the service of a soldier in Company C of the 5th Regiment.⁴⁶

Mary Ann **Childress** was born circa 1827 in South Carolina. The date is an estimate from census records. Abner Creek Baptist Church was formed from Green Pond Baptist Church in 1834. On 17 Nov 1849, brother Warren Drummond was "called for supply" and Elder Warren Drummond preached on 16 Feb. 1850.

⁴⁰1850 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁴¹1860 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online.

⁴²Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, online http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/regiments.cfm, citing film No. M381, Roll 4.

⁴³Confederate Service Record, online http://www.fold3.com, citing NARA M267, Roll 0199.

⁴⁴1870 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁴⁵1880 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online.

⁴⁶South Carolina General Assembly, *Reports and Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of S. C.* (Columbia, South Carolina: State of South Carolina).

Sister Mary Bragg joined with a letter from Green Pond on 2 Oct 1858. Sister Hannah Childress joined by experience on 1 Oct 1859. On 3 Jan 1863, Isham Childress was received by letter from Green Pond. An 1866 membership list contains the names George Bragg, Isham Childress, Mary Bragg, Ann Childress, Pernatha Childress, and Hannah Childress. A later, undated, list shows George Bragg, Mary Bragg, Ann Childress, Pernath Childress, and Hannah Childress.

Children of George W. Bragg and Mary Ann Childress all born in South Carolina were as follows:

- + 2. i. Warren Drummond² Bragg was born on 23 Jul 1853. He married Angeline (or Anna) **Turner**, daughter of William **Turner** and Nancy (--?--). He died on 5 May 1924 at age 70.
 - 3. ii. Elmira Jane Bragg⁴⁸ was born on 3 Apr 1864.⁴⁹ She married Ben Perry Brown.⁵⁰ She died on 16 Sep 1908 in South Carolina at age 44.⁵¹

Ben Perry Brown.⁵²

Ben appeared on the census enumeration of Jul 1870 in Beech Springs Township, Spartanbug County, South Carolina, as follows:

Brown, Margaret, 40, weaver

- , Sarah, 16, works in cotton factory
- , Minerva, 12
- , Ben Perry, 10

and based on name, age and location appears to be a likely candidate.⁵³

4. iii. Elizabeth Ann Bragg was born on 25 Aug 1865.⁵⁴ She married Robert P. Smith.⁵⁵

One Elzie Elizabeth Bragg, b. 22 June 1861, died 23 Oct. 1908, wife of William Perry Craig (1861 - 28 Sep 1891), buried at Antioch Church⁵⁶, is listed on ancestry.com in the Parker Family Tree by Mauriac Massey. Her parents are given as George W. Bragg and Mary Polly Ann Childress.⁵⁷ I have no other confirmation of her identity.

It is unclear whether the confusion at this point is due to an error by Mrs. Oliver, two marriages by Elizabeth, and/or an attempt by me to combine two different individuals. James Crowell Bragg was born circa 1867.⁵⁸ He was buried in South Carolina.⁵⁹

⁴⁷Church M inutes, microfilm, Abner Creek Church Book, 1834 - 1871, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, Furman University Library, Furman, Greenville County, South Carolina.

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http://files.usgwarchives.net/sc/spartanburg/cemeteries/antioch.txt,

Craig, William Perry 16 Jan 1861 - 28 Sep 1891

Craig, Elizabeth 22 Jun 1861 - 23 Oct 1908.

⁴⁸Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

⁴⁹Ibid.

⁵⁰Ibid.

⁵¹Ibid.

⁵²Ibid

⁵³1870 federal census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online.

⁵⁴Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

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⁵⁶Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, online

⁵⁷Parker Family Tree, online http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/2898306/person/-1798706996?ssrc=.

⁵⁸1870 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online.

⁵⁹Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

Mary Ann "Polly" **Fortenberry**⁶⁰ was born on 20 Jul 1842.⁶¹ She died on 15 Mar 1915 at age 72⁶² and was buried in Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.⁶³

She appears to match the M. A. Fortenberry, age 8, apparently daughter of James and Jane Fortenberry, both age 36, natives of South Carolina, in the 11 Aug 1850 census of Spartanburg County, and the Polly A. Fortenberry, age 18, with James Fortenberry, age 40, in the 1860 census at P. O. Reidville, Spartanburg County. Mary Fortenberry, age 28, was still with James in the 1870 census at P. O. Glenn Springs, Spartanburg County. Thus, since she was single all through the Civil War, the pension later collectd by widow Mary Ann Bragg must have been based on the service of George W. Bragg and not on an earlier husband.

Mary and "Wash" **Bragg** appeared on the census enumeration of 23 Jun 1900 in Beech Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

Bragg, Mary A., b. March 1850, age 50, widow, b. S.C., father b. S.C., m. b. SC

Bragg, Wash, S G son, b. Apr. 1878, age 22, single, b. S.C., parents b. S.C.

The "S G son" surely indicates step-grandson. The birth date for Mary is significantly different from that gleaned from other records. 64

Mary appeared on the census enumeration of 3 May 1910 in Beech Springs Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

232/235 Bragg, Polly A., head, 67, widowed, general farming, had one child, none living, b. S. C., father b. N. C., mother b. S. C., farmer

The next family listed is that of W. Washington Bragg. 65

Perhaps George W. **Bragg** and Mary Ann (Fortenberry) had one child together since one is mentioned in the 1910 census and she appears to have been single prior to their marriage.

Generation Two

2. Warren Drummond² Bragg (George¹)⁶⁶ was born on 23 Jul 1853 in South Carolina.⁶⁷ He married Angeline

⁶⁰Ibid., giving her name as Polly Ann Fortenberry, my only source for the surname.

⁶¹Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Polly Ann, wife of G. W. Bragg, July 20, 1842, Mar 15, 1915.

⁶²Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Polly Ann, wife of G. W. Bragg, July 20, 1842, Mar 15, 1915

No South Carolina Death Certificate has been found for her.

⁶³Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Polly Ann, wife of G. W. Bragg, July 20, 1842, Mar 15, 1915.

⁶⁴1900 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁵1910 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁶⁶Warren Drummond Bragg, Death Certificate SC 1924-9377 (10 June 1924), www.ancestry.com, Provo, Utah, Warren Drummond Bragg, b. 23 July 1853 in South Carolina, died 5 May 1924 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, aged 71 y 9 m 12d. He was a widowed farmer, son of George W. Bragg and Polly Ann Childress, both born in South Carolina. The informant was W. W. Bragg of Duncan. He had "no physician -- just dropped dead". He was buried at Abner's Creek Cemetery.

⁶⁷Warren Drummond Bragg, SC Death Certificate.

(or Anna) **Turner**, daughter of William **Turner** and Nancy (--?--).⁶⁸ He died on 5 May 1924 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 70.⁶⁹ He was buried in Abner Creek Cemetery, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.⁷⁰

He appears to have been named after Warren Drummond, a Baptist preacher who served Abner Creek and other churches in the area and is listed at age 73 in the 1870 census of Spartanburg county. Warren Bragg and Anna Turner are both named in the obituary of their son W. W. Bragg.

Warren and Angeline (or Anna) **Bragg** appeared on the census enumeration of 5 Jun 1880 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

Bragg, Warran, 28, farm laborer, can neither read nor write

- , Angeline, 26, wife, keeping house, can neither read nor write
- , Washington, 4, son
- , Richard, 2, son

all were born in South Carolina to South Carolina parents.⁷¹

Warren appeared on the census enumeration of 27 Apr 1910 in Poor House Road, Paris Mountain Township, Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows:

Brag[g], Warren, Inmate, 62, widower, b. SC, parents b. SC, cannot read nor write

Also an inmate in this Poor House was Billie Turner, widower, age 82, b. NC, parents b. NC. He may have been Warren's father-in-law.⁷² I was unable to find an obituary in either the Spartanburg Herald or the Spartanburg Journal or the Greenville News. The record at Wood Mortuary contains no family information but shows the bill was paid by O. M. Moore.

Angeline (or Anna) **Turner**⁷³ was born circa 1854. She was buried in Double Springs, Greenville County, South Carolina. She is named in the obituary of her son, W. W. Bragg. She is named in the obituary of her son, W. W. Bragg.

Her name and identity are in doubt. She could be the Angeline Turner, age 4, included in the family of Thomas Turner, age 32, and Polly Turner, age 31, in the 1850 census of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. But, matching her 1880 age better, she could be the Angeline Turner, age 6, included in the family of William Turner, age 29, and Nancy, age 27, in the 1860 census of Millburgh Post Office, Greenville County, South Carolina. She is not among the heirs of the William Turner, with widow Nancy, whose will was written 15 Jan. 1856 and probated in Spartanburg County on 18 Feb. 1856.

Children of Warren Drummond² Bragg and Angeline (or Anna) Turner were as follows:

+ 6. i. William Washington³ Bragg was born on 22 Apr 1876 in Travelers Rest, Greenville County, South Carolina. He married Nettie Jane Mary Ann **Rodgers**, daughter of Martin

⁶⁸Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

⁶⁹Warren Drummond Bragg, SC Death Certificate.

⁷⁰Warren Drummond Bragg, SC Death Certificate.

⁷¹1880 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online.

⁷²1910 federal census of Greenville County, SC. Microfilm image online. S. D. 4, E. D. 41, sheet 7B. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷³Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving Angeline Anna Turner.

⁷⁴Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

⁷⁵Greenville Chapter South Carolina Genealogical Society, *Greenville County, SC, Cemetery Survey, Vol. 1* (Greenville, South Carolina: Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society, 1977), including Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery but showing no Angeline Turner Bragg.

⁷⁶W. W. (Wash) Bragg [obit], Spartanburg Herald Journal, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 20 Jan 1952.

- Dean **Rodgers** and Elsie Ann **Smith**, on 31 Jul 1905 in Reidville, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He died on 18 Jan 1952 in Spartanburg Hospital, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 75.
- + 7. ii. Richard Bragg was born circa 1878 in Travelers Rest, Greenville County, South Carolina. He married Mary **Hudson** circa 1909. He died on 4 Mar 1917 in Cleveland Township, Greenville County, South Carolina and was buried in Middle River Church Cemetery, Greenville County, South Carolina.
 - 8. iii. Rose Bragg⁷⁷ was born in Jan 1880.⁷⁸ She died circa 1903.⁷⁹ She was buried in Greenville County, South Carolina.⁸⁰

Rose appeared on the census enumeration of 8 Jun 1900 in Greenville, Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows: Rosa Bragg, b. Jan. 1880, age 20, single, b. S.C., parents b. S. C., employed as a cook and living in the family of Henry M. Shumate and wife Jane.⁸¹

Generation Three

6. William Washington³ **Bragg** (*Warren*², *George*¹) was born on 22 Apr 1876 in Travelers Rest, Greenville County, South Carolina. Rest, Greenville Mary Ann **Rodgers**, daughter of Martin Dean **Rodgers** and Elsie Ann **Smith**, on 31 Jul 1905 in Reidville, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He died on 18 Jan 1952 in Spartanburg Hospital, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 75. St, 86, 87 He was buried on

⁷⁷Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

⁷⁸1900 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁷⁹Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], "Rose died at age 23, unmarried. She lived in Greenville and worked as a sales lady."

⁸⁰Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

⁸¹1900 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online.

⁸²Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. William W. Bragg, Apr. 22, 1876 -- Jan. 18, 1952 [and] Nettie R. Bragg, Dec. 16, 1875, Apr. 5, 1961.

⁸³Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], reporting dates from his Bible, gives the birth date as 23 April 1877. She has also added the birth place.

⁸⁴Ibid., reporting dates from his Bible, gives the marriage date as 31 July 1905 in Reidville, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

⁸⁵Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. William W. Bragg, Apr. 22, 1876 -- Jan. 18, 1952 [and] Nettie R. Bragg, Dec. 16, 1875, Apr. 5, 1961.

 $^{^{86}\}mathrm{W.~W}$. (Wash) Bragg [obit], Spartanburg Herald Journal, 20 Jan 1952.

⁸⁷William W ashington Bragg, microfilmed Death Certificate S C 1952-2240, Spartanburg County Library, Spartanburg, South Carolina, William Washington Bragg, born 22 Apr 1876 in South Carolina, son of Warren Bragg and Anna Turner, husband of Nettie Rogers, resident of Duncan, Route 1, a farmer, died of general arteriosc lerosis 18 Jan 1952 in Spartanburg General Hospital, buried 20 Jan 1952 at Abner Creek by Wood Mortuary of Greer. The informant was Mrs. W. W. Bragg.

20 Jan 1952 in Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. 88,89 He was also known as "Wash" **Bragg.**

"Wash" and Mary Ann "Polly" **Bragg** appeared on the census enumeration of 23 Jun 1900 in Beech Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

Bragg, Mary A., b. March 1850, age 50, widow, b. S.C., father b. S.C., m. b. SC

Bragg, Wash, S G son, b. Apr. 1878, age 22, single, b. S.C., parents b. S.C.

The "S G son" surely indicates step-grandson. The birth date for Mary is significantly different from that gleaned from other records. 90

William and Nettie Jane Mary Ann **Bragg** appeared on the census enumeration of 3 May 1910 in Beech Springs Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

233/236 Bragg, W. Washington, head, 34, marr. once, 4 years, b. S.C., parents b. S. C., general farming

- , Mittie, wife, 35, marr. once, 3 children, 2 living, b. S.C., parents b. S. C., laborer on farm
- , Levada, dau., 3, b. S.C., parents b. S. C.
- , Isam, son, 10/12, b. S.C., parents b. S. C.⁹¹

The Spartanburg Herald of 21 Feb 1912, in the Duncan news, reported "Mr. Wash Bragg, of Greer, Route 6, was seen on the streets Thursday."

William Washington **Bragg** registered with the World War I Selective Service System on 12 Sep 1918 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He described himself as living at 3 R.F.D. Wellford, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, age 42, born 23 Apr 1876 (sic), and his occupation was farming for himself. He was medium in height, medium in build, with blue eyes and had gray hair. His closest relative was Nettie R. Bragg, also of Wellford.⁹²

William appeared on the census enumeration of 20 Jan 1920 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

farm, 96/96 Bragg, William W., head, renter, b. SC, parents b. SC, general farming

- , Nettie J., wife, 44, b. SC, parents b. SC, home farm laborer $\,$
- , Nevada [the first letter has been written over], dau., 13, b. SC, parents b. SC
- , Elsie J., dau., 8, b. SC, parents b. SC. 93

"Wash" and Nettie appeared on the census enumeration of 16 Apr 1930 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

Bragg, Washington, head, owner, 54, marr. at age 28, b. S. C., parents b. S. C., general farmer

- , Nettie, wife, 54, marr. at age 28, b. S. C., parents b. S. C.
- , Ellie, dau., 18, single, b. S. C. 94

⁸⁸Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. William W. Bragg, Apr. 22, 1876 -- Jan. 18, 1952 [and] Nettie R. Bragg, Dec. 16, 1875, Apr. 5, 1961.

⁸⁹W. W. (Wash) Bragg [obit], Spartanburg Herald Journal, 20 Jan 1952, , providing the date of burial.

⁹⁰1900 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online.

⁹¹1910 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online. S. D. 4, E. D. 69, sheet 13B.

⁹²Selective Service System, WW I registration card images, 1917-1918, www.ancestry.com. used in Nov. 2005.

⁹³1920 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online. S. D. 4, E. D. 97, sheet 5B. Used at www.ancestry.com.

⁹⁴1930 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

The funeral records at Wood Mortuary add that he was 75 years, 8 months 27 days old, was not a military veteran, had no Social Security number, was the last member of his immediate family, and had 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

His obituary states:

"DUNCAN -- Funeral services for W. W. (Wash) Bragg, 75, who died Friday about 6:15 p.m. in a Spartanburg hospital following four years of declining health and a serious illness of three weeks, will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Abner Creek Baptist Church.

"The Rev. D. R. Hill will officiate, assisted by Dr. B. P. Martin and the Revs. Paul Burch and W. P. Hall. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

"The following will serve as active pallbearers: Luther, Rufus, and J. C. Rogers, Wilson Gaston, Golden and Jeb Bright.

"Deacons of the Abner Creek Church will form the honorary escort.

"The body is at home, Duncan Route 1, and will be placed in the church Sunday at 3 to await the hour of service.

"The Wood mortuary of Greer is in charge of arrangements.

"Mr. Bragg was a life-long resident of Duncan and a son of the late Warren and Anna Turner Bragg. He was a member of Abner Creek Baptist Church." 95

The obituary in the Spartanburg Herald for 19 Jan. 1952, lists his survivors as his wife Mrs. Nettie Rogers Bragg and two daughters, Mrs. John Earl Turner and Mrs. Lavada Fowler of Duncan.

Nettie Jane Mary Ann **Rodgers**⁹⁶ was born on 16 Dec 1875 near Reidville, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. She died on 5 Apr 1961 at age 85⁹⁹ and was buried in Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. South Carolina.

Her obituary states:

"DUNCAN -- Mrs. Nettie Rodgers Bragg, 85, widow of William Bragg and resident of Moore Street, Duncan, Route 1, died Wednesday at 12:30 a.m. following a long period of declining health and an illness of three days.

"She was a lifelong resident of Spartanburg County and was the daughter of the late Dean and Elsie Ann Smith Rodgers.

"She was a member of Wood Chapel Methodist Church and its Mother's Class. For the past five years, she had resided with a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Turner of Duncan Route 1.

"Surviving are another daughter, Mrs. Lavada Fowler of Duncan Route 1; one brother, D. O. Rodgers of Duncan Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Bright of Duncan Route 1 and Mrs. T. C. Gaston of Woodruff; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

"Funeral services will be conducted today at Woods Chapel Church by the Revs. Grady Forrester, W. R.

⁹⁵W. W. (Wash) Bragg [obit], Spartanburg Herald Journal, 20 Jan 1952.

⁹⁶Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving the name as Nettie Jane Mary Ann.

⁹⁷Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. William W. Bragg, Apr. 22, 1876 -- Jan. 18, 1952 [and] Nettie R. Bragg, Dec. 16, 1875, Apr. 5, 1961.

⁹⁸Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving the birthdate as 16 Dec **1876** from the W. W. Bragg Bible. She also gave the place of birth as near Reidville.

⁹⁹Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. William W. Bragg, Apr. 22, 1876 -- Jan. 18, 1952 [and] Nettie R. Bragg, Dec. 16, 1875, Apr. 5, 1961.
¹⁰⁰Ibid.

Bare foot, Rudolph Senn and D. R. Hill. Burial will be in Abner Creek Baptist Church cemetery.

"Pallbearers will be Luther, Harvey, and J. C. Rodgers, Wilson Gaston, Golden and J. E. B. Bright. Members of the Mother's Class of Wood's Chapel will form the honorary escort.

"Wood's Mortuary of Greer is in charge.". 101

Her funeral records at Wood Mortuary add that her age was 85 years, 4 months, 20 days and on this record her mother's name is spelled Elzie.

Her Spartanburg County Estate file shows that Nettie R. Bragg, age 85, died intestate, 5 Apr 1961 and left two children -- Ellie B. Turner, daughter, age 49, and Lavada B. Fowler, daughter, age 54, both of Route 1, Duncan. They were her executors. The file contained a bill dated 26 Oct 1959 for hip prosthesis by Dr. Wendell H. Tiller and Dr. John E. Keith. The cost was \$250 less \$80 paid by Mrs. Ellie Turner and \$100 paid by Provident Insurance. There was also a bill from Wood Mortuary. 102

Children of William Washington³ **Bragg** and Nettie Jane Mary Ann **Rodgers** were as follows:

9. i. Lavada Rose⁴ Bragg was born on 27 Nov 1906 near Reidville, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. She married (1) William Landrum Anderson Chapman, son of William Alfred Chapman and Ella Childress, on 27 Dec 1922 at the home of D. H. Smith, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. She married (2) Theron Earle Fowler, son of John Nathan Fowler and Sarah Elizabeth Newman, on 22 Jun 1939 in Gaffney, Cherokee County, South Carolina. She died on 25 Feb 1989 in Duncan, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 82¹⁰⁷ and was buried in Wood's Chapel United Methodist Church, Duncan, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

Her obituary states:

"DUNCAN-- Lavada Bragg Chapman Fowler, 82, of 102 Fowler St., died Feb. 25, 1989, at her home after a long illness.

"A native of Spartanburg County, she was the widow of Theron E. Fowler and daughter of the late William and Nettie Rogers Bragg. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Duncan. She was a homemaker and was first married to the late Landrum Chapman.

"Survivors include five daughters, Grace C. Boiter and Mildred Gibson of Lyman, Frankie F. Pustaver of Moore, Barbara F. Burrell and Delores C. Glenn of Duncan; three sons, Kenneth and Ernie Fowler and Guy Chapman of Duncan; 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Visitation will be held from 7 to 9 tonight at the Wood Mortuary, Greer.

"Services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at First Baptist Church of Duncan by Dr.

¹⁰¹Nettie Rodgers Bragg [obit], *Spartanburg Herald Journal*, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 6 April 1961.

¹⁰²Spartanburg County, Estate Records, Spartanburg County, SC n.p ub., Spartanburg County Records.

¹⁰³Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

¹⁰⁴Spartanburg County Marriage record: Book G, p. 779. Landrum Chapman, age 21, of Greer, S.C., Route 1, and Lavada Bragg, age 18, of Duncan, S. C., Route 1, were married by D. H. Smith, Notary Public, "at my house" on 27 Dec. 1972, Spartanburg County Court House, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

¹⁰⁵Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], married near the present jetport at Greer.

¹⁰⁶Ibid., providing the place and date.

¹⁰⁷DUNCAN -- Lavada Bragg Chapman Fowler, *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 26 Feb 1989.

¹⁰⁸Ibid.

James Nelson. Burial will be in Woods Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. "The body will be in the church at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

"The family is at the home of a son, Ernie Fowler, 299 W. Bright Road, Duncan. 109

William Landrum Anderson **Chapman**¹¹⁰ was born on 22 Mar 1901 in near Burnsview Church, rural Greer, South Carolina. He died on 23 Sep 1933 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 32¹¹³ and was buried on 24 Sep 1933 in Wood's Chapel, South Carolina. Utalian State of Sep 1933 in Wood's Chapel, South Carolina.

His obituary states:

"LANDRUM CHAPMAN TAKEN BY DEATH. Greer, Sept. 23. Landrum Chapman, 32, died at his home south of Greer near Wood's Chapel, Saturday afternoon after an illness of 10 weeks. Mr. Chapman made his home near Greer for the greater part of his life. He was well known and had many friends throughout this section. He was a member of Sharon Methodist Church.

"Mr. Chapman is survived by his widow, the former Miss Levava [sic] Bragg; three children, Grace, Guy and Mildred Chapman; his father and mother, Mrs. and Mrs. W. A. Chapman, all of Wood's Chapel; one brother, Lee Chapman of Greer, and two sisters. Mrs. Paul Jones and Mrs. Harvey Jones, both of Greer, Route 1.

"Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Wood's Chapel Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Rufus Glenn, assisted by the Rev. D. R. Dill. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

"The pallbearers will be O. P. Anders, Lee Johnson, Carl Hawkins, Clyde DeShields, Cecil DeShields, and Bub Hudson.¹¹⁷"

Theron Earle Fowler was born on 30 Dec 1884 in Mill Springs, Polk County, North

¹⁰⁹Ibid.

¹¹⁰Mildred A. Gibson [obit], *Spartanburg Herald Journal*, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 13 Aug 2009, online version, providing the full name.

¹¹¹Landrum Anderson Chapman, Death Certificate SC 1933-13576 (13 Dec 1936), www.ancestry.com, Provo, Utah, Landrum Anderson Chapman, born 22 March 1901 in South Carolina, died 23 Sep 1933, age 32 y, 6 m, 1 d., in Reid ville Town ship, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, of mylo genous leuk emia. He was an auto mechanic, married to "Leveda" Bragg, and son of W. A. Chapman and Ella Childress, both natives of South Carolina. The informant was Mrs. L. A. Chapman. He was buried 24 Sep 1933 at Woods Chapel by John D. Wood, undertaker.

¹¹²Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], adding the birth place.

¹¹³Landrum Anderson Chapman, SC Death Certificate.

¹¹⁴Ibid

¹¹⁵Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Landrum A. Chapman. Birth: Mar. 22, 1902 Death: Sep. 22, 1933

Burial: Wood Memorial Park, Duncan, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, USA Created by: Trish Fulkerson, Record added: Oct 17, 2013 Find A Grave Memorial# 118887754. A photo of the marker, posted here, shows the full dates.

¹¹⁶His body has since been removed.

¹¹⁷Landrum Chapman Taken by Death, Spartanburg Herald, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 24 Sept 1933.

Carolina.^{118,119} He married (1) Elizabeth **Williams** on 28 Aug 1907 in Polk County, North Carolina.¹²⁰ He died on 26 Jan 1948 in Spartanburg General Hospital, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 63¹²¹ and was buried on 29 Jan 1948 in Wellford Baptist Church Cemetery, Wellford, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.¹²²

Theron appeared on the census enumeration of 14 Feb 1920 in White Oak Towship, Polk County, North Carolina, as follows:

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Fowler, Thurn, head, renter, 35
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- , Elizabeth, wife, 37
- , Hix, son, 11
- , Grace, dau., 9
- Jesse, dau., 7
- John, son, 6
- , Biggs, son, 4
- , Jennie, dau., 5/12

all born in NC of NC parents. 123

Theron appeared on the census enumeration of 9 Apr 1930 in Carlisle Road, Beech Springs Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows:

52/53 Fowler, Theron E., head, renter, 46, 1st. marr. at age 22, b. N. C., parents b. N. C., general farmer

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, Lizzie E., wife, 47, 1st marr. at age 27, b. N. C., parents b. N. C.
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- , Hicks H., son, 21, b. N.C., parents b. N. C., farm helper
- , Grace, dau., 19, b. N. C., parents b. N. C., farm helper
- , Jessie, dau., 18, b. N. C., parents b. N. C., farm helper
- , John H., son, 16, b. N. C., parents b. N. C, farm helper
- , Henry B., 14, b. N. C., parents b. N. C., farm helper
- , Jessie M., 8, b. N. C., parents b. N. C.
- , Ruth S(?), dau., 7, b. N. C., parents b. N. C.
- , Sarah A., dau., 5, b. N. C., parents b. N. C.¹²⁴

His obituary states:

¹¹⁸Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], Gives the place of birth.

¹¹⁹Theron Earl Fowler, Death Certificate SC 1948-02352 (13 Feb 1948), www.ancestry.com, Provo, Utah, Theron Earl Fowler died in the Spartanburg General Hospital at 8:20 p.m. on 26 Jan 1948 of cardiac decompression at the age of 64 y 24 d. He was a resident of Route 1, rural Duncan, S. C. He had married (1) Lizzie Williams and (2) Lavada Chapman who was age 45. He was a farmer, born 31 Dec 1883, son of John Fowler and Sallie Newman, both natives of N. C. The informant was Mrs. T. E. Fowler of Duncan. He was buried 29 Jan 1948 at Wellford Cemetery by The Wood Mortuary.

¹²⁰ Polk County NC marriage record: Theron Fowler, age 22, and Lizzie Williams, age 27, both of Polk County, NC, were married 8-28-1907 (license 8-26-1907) by T. B. Justice, Min. of Mill Spring. Witnesses were W. H. Justice, I. I. Byers, and T. L. Hodge, Polk County Records, Polk County Court House, Columbus, Polk County, North Carolina.

¹²¹Theron Earl Fowler, SC Death Certificate.

¹²²Theron Earl Fowler, SC Death Certificate.

¹²³1920 federal census of Polk County, NC. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹²⁴1930 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online. E. D. 42-5, S. D. 3, sheet 3 B.

"DUNCAN -- Theron E. Fowler, 64, of Duncan, Route 1, died at 8:20 Monday night at Spartanburg General Hospital.

"Mr. Fowler was a native of North Carolina but had lived in the Duncan community for the past 12 years. He was a member of the Silver Creek Baptist Church.

"Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lavada Chapman Fowler; and their 4 children, Frankie Sue, Barbara Ann, Kenneth, and Ernie Fowler, all of Dune [sic] Route 1; 5 daughters and 3 sons from a previous marriage; Mrs. Grace Ivey, Mrs. Jessie Bright [sic -- Bryant], Mrs. Jennie Sheriff and Mrs. Ruth Mullinax of Lyman, Mrs. Alma Runnels of Gallatin, Mo., Hicks and John Fowler of Lyman and Biggs Fowler of Inman Route 3; 3 brothers Collett Fowler of Landrum Route 2, Clarence Fowler of Rutherfordton, N. C., and Broadus Fowler of Mill Springs, N. C.; 3 sisters, Mrs. Minnie Carswell and Mrs. Mary Morris of Mill Springs and Mrs. Jennie Koon of Baltimore, Md., and 7 grandchildren."

"The Wood Mortuary is in charge of arranagements [sic]. 125" Another obituary states:

"DUNCAN -- Funeral services for Theron E. Fowler, 64, of Duncan Route 1, who died at 8:20 Monday night at Spartanburg General Hospital, will be held Thursday at 4 p. m., at Wellford Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Basil P. Martin, assisted by the Rev. Horace Chapman. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

"The following are asked to meet at the church Thursday at 3:45 and serve as active pallbearers: Earl Prince, Buren Carswell, Gilmer and Angus Fowler, John Koone, Fred and Albert Jones and Leo Carswell.

"The body is at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charlie Bryant, at Lyman and will be placed in the church at 3 on Thursday.

"The Wood Mortuary of Greer is in charge of the arrangements. 126"

- 10. ii. James Crowell Bragg¹²⁷ was born on 7 Feb 1908.¹²⁸ He died on 7 Feb 1908 near Reidville, Spartanburg County, South Carolina^{129,130} and was buried in Abner Creek Baptist Church, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.¹³¹
- 11. iii. Isham Bragg was born on 20 Jul 1909 in Duncan, Spartanburg County, South

¹²⁵DUNCAN -- Theron Earle Fowler [o bit], *Spartanburg Herald Journal*, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 27 Jan 1948.

¹²⁶DUN CAN -- Theron Earle Fowler [o bit], *Spartanburg Herald Journal*, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 28 Jan 1948, page 2.

¹²⁷Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving full name as James Crowell Bragg.

¹²⁸ Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. sons of W. W. and M. A. Bragg: Isham, July 20, 1909 - June 26, 1910 [and] James, born and died Feb. 7, 1908.

¹³⁰Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving the place of death as near Reidville.

¹³¹Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. sons of W. W. and M. A. Bragg: Isham, July 20, 1909 - June 26, 1910 [and] James, born and died Feb. 7, 1908.

Carolina. He died on 26 Jun 1910 and was buried in Abner Creek Baptist Church, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. South Carolina.

12. iv. Elzie Ann Bragg¹³⁷ was born on 16 Aug 1911 in Duncan, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. She married John Earl Turner on 25 Dec 1949 in Duncan, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. She died on 15 Apr 1987 in Spartanburg Hospital, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, at age 75. She was buried on 18 Apr 1987 in Duncan First Baptist Church Cemetery, Duncan, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

ToDo: see marriage report, Spartanburg **Journal**, 18 Dec 1949, for John Earl Turner and Ellie Mae Bragg. Does it contradict the date 25 Dec 1949 from Ibera Oliver? This is a Sunday issue and I was not yet able to find this report in either the Journal or the Herald. See http://www.spartasc.com/brideb.htm.

Her obituary states:

"Ellie B. Turner

"DUNCAN -- Ellie Bragg Turner, 75, of West Main Street, widow of John Earl Turner, died Wednesday.

"Native of Spartanburg County; daughter of the late W. W. and Nettie Rodgers Bragg; member of First Baptist Church of Duncan; retired Startex Mill.

"Surviving sons, Marion Turner of Lyman: daughter, Ibera Oliver of Duncan; stepson, Charles Turner of Duncan; stepdaughters, Betty Waters and Mildred Jordan of Duncan; sister, Lavada Fowler of Duncan; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

"Services 11 Saturday at First Baptist Church of Duncan by the Rev. Jim Nelson; burial in church cemetery.

"Pallbearers: Randy, Steve, and Sam Oliver, Jr., Guy Chapman, Kenneth and Emest Fowler.

"Family will receive friends 7-9 Friday at Wood Mortuary.

"Body in church at 10 Saturday.

"In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the building fund of First Baptist Church of Duncan.¹⁴³"

¹³²Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. sons of W. W. and M. A. Bragg: Isham, July 20, 1909 - June 26, 1910 [and] James, born and died Feb. 7, 1908.

¹³³Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving the place of birth as Duncan, South Carolina.

¹³⁴Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. sons of W. W. and M. A. Bragg: Isham, July 20, 1909 - June 26, 1910 [and] James, born and died Feb. 7, 1908.

¹³⁵Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving the place of death as Duncan, South Carolina.

¹³⁶Tombstone, Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. sons of W. W. and M. A. Bragg: Isham, July 20, 1909 - June 26, 1910 [and] James, born and died Feb. 7, 1908.

 $^{^{137}}$ she is named as Mrs. J. E. Turner in the obit of her mother and Ellie Anne "Elzie Anna" Bragg by Ibera Oliver.

¹³⁸Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving full name as Ellie Anne "Elzie Anna" Bragg.

¹³⁹Spartanburg Journal, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 18 Dec 1949, http://www.spartasc.com/brideb.htm. ¹⁴⁰Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

¹⁴¹Ellie B. Turner [obit], Spartanburg Herald Journal, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 16 April 1987, page

C-4.

¹⁴³Ibid

John Earl **Turner**¹⁴⁴ was born on 16 Dec 1903 in South Carolina.¹⁴⁵ He married (1) Estelle **Hadden.**¹⁴⁶ He died in Oct 1968 at age 64.¹⁴⁷ He was buried in Duncan First Baptist Church, Duncan, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.¹⁴⁸

- 13. v. John Landon Bragg^{149,150} was born on 22 Feb 1917 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. 151 He died on 25 Feb 1917 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. 152
- 7. Richard³ **Bragg** (*Warren*², *George*¹)¹⁵³ was born circa 1878 in Travelers Rest, Greenville County, South Carolina. He married Mary **Hudson** circa 1909. He died on 4 Mar 1917 in Cleveland Township, Greenville County, South Carolina. and was buried in Middle River Church Cemetery, Greenville County, South Carolina. South

Richard appeared on the census enumeration of 23 Jun 1900 in Beech Spring Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as follows: Richard Bragg, b. Apr 1880, age 20, single, boarder, farm laborer, b. SC, parents b. SC

He is listed in the family of Marion A. Wood. The Ancestry.com indexer has marked this "Duncan's Town". Is this the same Richard Bragg who was age 2 in 1880?. 161

Richard and Mary **Bragg** appeared on the census enumeration of 21 Apr 1910 in Bates Township, Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows:

¹⁴⁴Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving the name as John Earl Turner.

¹⁴⁵Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

¹⁴⁶Ibid., saying that John and Estelle had three children -- Betty T. Waters, Mildred T. Jordan, and Charles Turner.

¹⁴⁷Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

¹⁴⁸Ibid.

¹⁴⁹Ibid.

¹⁵⁰ Johnnie Bragg, Death Certificate SC 1917- 3437 (6 Mar 1917), www.ancestry.com, Provo, Utah, Johnnie Bragg, b. 22 Feb. 1917 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, son of William W. Bragg and Nettie Jane Rogers, both natives of Spartanburg County, died 25 Feb 1917 in Reidville township, Spartanburg County, of blood poison. The informant was W. W. Bragg of Welford, Route 3. He was buried at Abner Creek on 26 Feb 1917 by R. Landford of Woodruff, undertaker.

¹⁵¹ Ibid.

¹⁵²Ibid.

¹⁵³Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

¹⁵⁴Ibid., giving the place name.

¹⁵⁵¹⁸⁸⁰ federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online, where he is listed as age 2.

¹⁵⁶Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], giving her maiden name.

¹⁵⁷1910 federal census of Greenville County, SC. Microfilm image online.

¹⁵⁸Richard Braggs [sic], Death Certificate SC 1917-4606 ((10?) April 1917), www.ancestry.com, Provo, Utah, Richard Braggs (sic) died of "polagrey" [pellagra] on 4 March 1917 in Cleveland Township, Greenville County, South Carolina, a married laborer, age about 45. He was the son of "Warn Braggs", born in South Carolina, and his mother was "don't know". The informant was B. F. Couch, Cleveland, South Carolina. He was buried at Middle River Church on March 5 and the undertaker was Batson Brothers, Marietta, South Carolina.

¹⁵⁹Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], "Uncle Richard and Aunt Mary Hudson Bragg are buried in a little church on Highway 76 at Cleveland, SC. Their daughter and son are buried at Traveler's Rest."

¹⁶⁰Greenville Chapter South Carolina Genealogical Society, *Greenville County, SC, Cemetery Survey, Vol. 1*, including Middle River Baptist Church Cemetery but showing no one named Bragg.

¹⁶¹1900 federal census of Spartanburg County, SC. Microfilm image online.

Bragg, Warren, head, 30, married once for [7?] years, b. SC, parents b. SC, general farming on own account , Mary, wife, 30, married once for [1?] year, 0 children, 0 living, b.SC, parents b. SC

[Although listed as Warren I think this must be Richard. This may be confusion with his father or perhaps his full name is Warren Richard]. 162

Mary **Hudson**¹⁶³ was born in 1876 in North Carolina.¹⁶⁴ She died on 20 Nov 1936 in Bates Township, Greenville County, South Carolina.¹⁶⁵ and was buried in Middle River Church Cemetery, Cleveland, Greenville County, South Carolina.^{166,167}

Mary appeared on the census enumeration of 1920 in Chick Springs Township, Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows: widow Mary, age 35, Elizabeth, age 7, and James, age 5, were all servants in a Cannada family in Chick Springs Township.¹⁶⁸

Mary appeared on the census enumeration of 15 Apr 1930 in Bates Township, Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows:

Bragg, Mary, age 50, widow, 1st married at age 28, born N.C., father b. N.C., mother b. S. C., general farming

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, James D., son, 15, b. S. C.
, Lizzie, daughter, 18, b. S. C.
, Frank, son [sic], 8/12, b. S. C. [probably Lizzie's son]. 169
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Her obituary states:

"Mrs. Mary Bragg, 60, died at her home on the Keeler's Bridge road in Bates township at 5 -o'clock yesterday afternoon after a brief illness.

"She was a native of North Carolina and had lived in this county 35 years.

"She is survived by one daughter, Miss Lizzie Bragg; one son, Jim Bragg; one sister, Mrs. Jim Turner, Belmont, N. C.; one brother, James Hudson, Rosmond, N. C.

"Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Middle River Baptist church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.¹⁷⁰"

Children of Richard³ Bragg and Mary Hudson both born in South Carolina were as follows:

¹⁶²1910 federal census of Greenville County, SC. Microfilm image online.

¹⁶³Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990].

¹⁶⁴Mrs. Mary Bragg, Death Certificate SC 1936-17570 (13 Dec 1936), www.ancestry.com, Provo, Utah, Mrs. Mary Bragg, widow of an unknown husband, died 20 Nov 1936 of Pellagra in Bates Township, Greenville County, South Carolina. She was born in 1876 in North Carolina, the daughter of Dave Hudson and Ann Lander, natives of North Carolina. The informant was J. W. Coleman, Rt. 4, Traveler's Rest, South Carolina. The undertaker was Mc Afee in Greenville and she was buried in Middle River Cemetery.

¹⁶⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶⁶Letter, Ibera Oliver to Dan W. Olds, [1990], "Uncle Richard and Aunt Mary Hudson Bragg are buried in a little church on Highway 76 at Cleveland, SC. Their daughter and son are buried at Traveler's Rest."

¹⁶⁷Greenville Chapter South Carolina Genealogical Society, *Greenville County, SC, Cemetery Survey, Vol. 1*, including Middle River Baptist Church Cemetery but showing no one named Bragg.

¹⁶⁸1920 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁶⁹1930 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁷⁰Mrs. Mary Bragg [obit], Greenville News, Greenville, South Carolina, 21 Nov 1936, page 11.

- 14. i. Elizabeth⁴ Bragg^{171,172,173} was born circa 1912.¹⁷⁴
- 15. ii. James D. Bragg^{175,176,177} was born circa 1915.¹⁷⁸ He appears in the Social Security Death Index as having died Jul 1983 with the last place of residence listed as Greenville County, South Carolina. James D.'s SSN was issued in South Carolina and his birth date is given as 7 May 1914.¹⁷⁹ He was buried in Grandview Memorial Gardens, Travelers Rest, Greenville County, South Carolina.¹⁸⁰

James appeared on the census enumeration of 18 Apr 1940 just off Keeler Bridge Road, Bates Township, Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows:

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364, renter, Bragg, Jim, 25, single, b. S.C., farm laborer , Lizzie, sister, 28, b. S. C.
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Frank, nephew, 10, b. S. C.

They all lived in the same place as of 1 Apr 1935.¹⁸¹

The obituary of a James Bragg appeared in the Greenville News on 10 Jul 1983, on page 8B. It names his wife as Laura but contains no evidence of being "our" James D. Bragg. 182

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¹⁷¹1940 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. Used at www.ancestry.com.

¹⁷²Ibid.

¹⁷³ Ibid.

¹⁷⁴ Ibid.

¹⁷⁵Ibid., S. D. 4, E. D. 23-8, sheet 19A.

¹⁷⁶Ibid.

¹⁷⁷Ibid.

¹⁷⁸ Ibid.

¹⁷⁹Death report, United States Social Security Death Index, *internet file* (n.p.: FamilySearch), James Bragg entry.

¹⁸⁰BillionGraves.com, online BillionGraves.com, BRAGG: James R., Sr. May 7, 1914, July 9, 1983. Leora B., May 4, 1934, Apr. 8, 2005.

¹⁸¹1940 federal census of Greenville County, South Carolina. Microfilm image online. S. D. 4, E. D. 23-8, sheet 19A.

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